

# Missouri Men Making Good as Coaches

Standard of Football in State Greatly Raised Through Influence of Men Trained Here—Former Teammates Now Direct Rival Schools.

**B**ETWEEN twenty and twenty-five men who have represented Missouri on the gridiron in the last six years have become coaches. Nine are coaching teams of the college



W. K. Saunders

and university class and the rest are in preparatory and high schools.

Prominent in coaching circles is Dorset V. ("Tubby") Graves, who is at the University of Alabama. This is "Tubby's" fourth season "down in Alabama," and if reports that come back to Missouri are true, he is making the Southerners take notice. This year "Tubby's" team will meet for the third time the squad of his old teammate, Lloyd Driver, who is coaching at the University of Mississippi. In the last two games in which they have opposed each other "Tubby's" warriors have taken the scalp of the Mississippians, but Driver sends back word that he expects to get revenge this year.

Another Southern team directed by a Missouri man is that of the Fort Worth, Texas, Polytechnic Institute, where A. G. Alexander, former fullback, is the coach. "Alex" has been coaching there ever since he left Missouri in 1910 and has brought out some strong teams. The last Tiger team he played on was that of 1909, and his performance at full that year was one of the things that live in football history at Missouri.

Another teammate of Graves, Driver and Alexander who is now coaching is Dan Nee. Although practicing law in Springfield, Mo., Dan has time to coach the Drury College eleven and turn out one of the best small college teams in the state. Year before last his team played Prewitt Roberts' William Jewell eleven for the championship of the state and won. Last year his men made a creditable showing against Missouri.

Over at Westminster, in Fulton, C.

P. LeMire has charge. Ernest Tipton and LeMire are practicing law in Fulton but the afternoon finds both on the football field, LeMire doing the coaching and Tipton spurring the men on to show more fight in scrimmage.

One former Missouri man helped to give the 1914 Tigers the first defeat of the season. "Bud" Saunders, assistant to Coach Kelly of Rolla, came to Columbia with a team that licked Missouri 9 to 0. Saunders was on the 1909 team and knows football from kickoff to last down. After leaving school he coached at William Jewell for several years. This is his first year at Rolla.

Harvey McWilliams is coaching this year at the Kirksville Normal School and "Jim" Pixlee at Missouri Wesleyan. This is the first year for each in the coaching game.

"Easy" Anderson in far off Petrograd, Russia, is coaching in track events and in basketball. It would not be a surprise to hear any day that "Easy" had organized two teams and was having a Thanksgiving football game of his own.

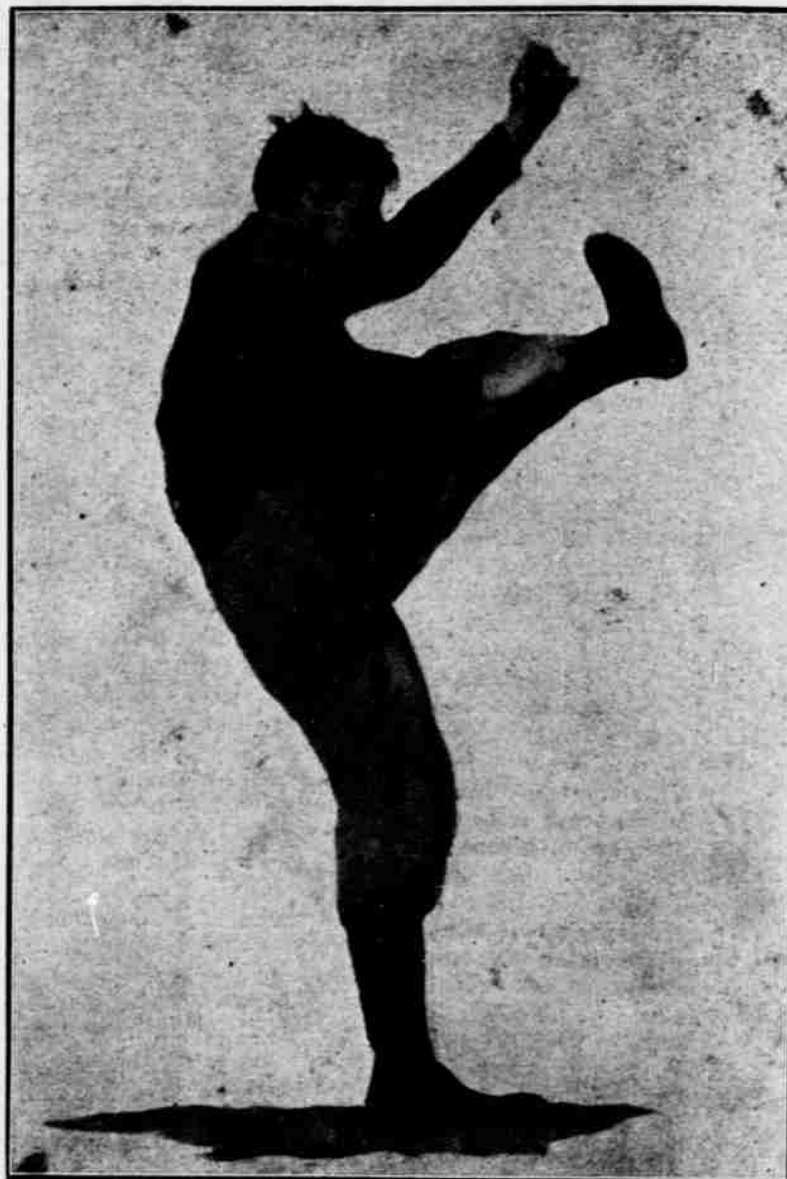
That the introduction of the Missouri style of football into the small colleges of the state has worked a wonderful improvement in athletics is the belief of J. C. Grover of the Kansas City Athletic Club, a Missouri Valley referee.

"You see the smaller schools doing clean blocking and clean tackling nowadays," he said while in Columbia recently. "I attribute this to the spread of the University of Missouri's style of football by the men trained here."



Lloyd Driver

Nor is the coaching of Missouri-trained players confined to other teams. Every year sees an increase in the number of the "old boys" who come back to Rollins Field to help in the final pointing of the Tigers for



A. G. Alexander

the Kansas game. This year two or three of last year's players, including Captain "Chuck" Wilson, are working with the squad regularly. Wilson, who has played the three years permitted under the conference rules, is a valuable member of Brewer's board of strategy. He is a student this year in the School of Law.

Another former Tiger who is seldom able to resist the football call is "Eddie" Klein, who drops his law practice in St. Louis temporarily to help in the coaching here. Klein alternated with Saunders on the 1909 team at quarterback.

The employment of all-the-year-round men as directors of the various forms of athletics, as opposed to the old system of short-term coaches, will eventually, it is believed, build up a system of Missouri football as distinctive as that of Yale or Harvard. This tendency is helped by the return of the "old timers" every fall to pass on their knowledge of the game to the youngsters.

The criticism of inflexibility that has been made against the Yale system, as typical of the East, will not, however, be found to apply in the West. It is argued at Yale, the critics say, that because a thing has always been done in a certain way—the Yale way—no change is to be tolerated. The Western system of coaching, as exemplified at Missouri, is quick to adopt changes in keeping with the progress of the game. The

Missouri-trained coaches, therefore, though teaching the groundwork of the game as they learned it here, have



"Tubby" Graves

developed a sufficient variety of play to make things interesting for one another when they meet as the directors of rival teams.